U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE FORM PTO-1390 ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER: TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES 8030-1001 DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/JP01/05056 14 JUNE 2001 14 JUNE 2000 TITLE OF INVENTION. STEEL TUBE FOR USE IN REINFORCEMENT OF AUTOMOBILE AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION THEREOF APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US. Takaaki TOYOOKA, Masanori NISHIMORI, Yoshikazu KAWABATA, Akira YORIFUJI, Motoaki ITADANI, Takatoshi OKABE, Masatoshi ARATANI Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information 1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. Χ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). a. b. Х has been transmitted by the International Bureau. (see attached copy of PCT/IB/308) C. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). Х 6 A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C 371(c)(2)). 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). a. b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau. C. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. have not been made and will not be made. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 8. 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10 A translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Item 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included: 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. -An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. Х 13 A FIRST preliminary amendment. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. A substitute specification. 15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. Other items or information: International Search Report PCT/IB/308 PCT/IB/3045 **Application Data Sheet**

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BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO				,	
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b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
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